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Biography: BRIG. GENERAL CLARENCE P. TALBOT

Gen. Talbot enlisted in the Aviation Section of the Signal Enlisted Reserve Corps in December 1917. On June 4, 1918, he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant in the Air Service Reserve. He was honorably discharged on January 9, 1919. On July 1, 1920, he received a regular commission as a 2d Lieutenant in the Air Service, was immediately promoted to 1st Lieutenant and assigned as a student in the Air Service Observation School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

For the next 21 years Gen. Talbot served in various Air Corps assignments in the United States and the Hawaiian Islands, and in January 1951 4/ he was named Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply of the Fourth Air Force, located at Hamilton Air Force Base. Gen. Talbot was transferred to the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations in November 1943 as Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply of the Fourteenth Air Force. In July 1944 he assumed command of the China-Air Service Command. In April 1946 he was named Commander of the Shanghai, China, Port Command, serving until May 1946. In June 1946 General Talbot was named Deputy Commander of the Port of Alameda, and in March 1947 he became Commander. In May 1947 he was assigned as Deputy Commander of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area with station at McClellan Air Force Base. He was appointed Chief of Program Monitoring at Air Materiel Command headquarters, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in November 1950. He was reassigned as Deputy Commander of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area in April 1952.

General Talbot has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Air Medal. He is a Command Pilot, Combat Observer and Aircraft Observer.

Date of rank: January 24, 1952



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Memories ... A Farewell

Major General Eugene L. Tattini
Commander, Sacramento Air Logistics Center
McClellan Air Force Base, September 1995 to August 1998

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"Good Morning. General Babbitt, I'd like to thank you and Mrs. Babbitt for taking time from what I know is a very busy schedule to come out and officiate at our ceremony this morning. It not only means a lot to me personally, but it also shows to our workforce and to our community that our Air Force and Air Force Materiel Command have not forgotten McClellan.

"To all of our community leaders, each and every one of you, I also thank you very much for joining with us this morning. But most of all I'd like to acknowledge the men and women both military and civilian who come to work every morning at McClellan Air Force Base. If I deserve any of the kind words that were said about me by General Babbitt or the medal that he gave me, it's only because of the thousands of people at this Center who continue to do their jobs. No matter what we throw at them or no matter how dire their personal situations may be, they continue to do everything we ask of them both with pride and outstanding results. Since August of 1938 when Captain John Austin first took command of this Depot, the Air Force has changed commanders of this installation 27 times. In less than an hour, someone back at building 200, my headquarters building, will quietly take my picture from the right hand side of the wall and move it to the other side of the hallway and put it along side of the 28 previous commanders. This is how it's done, and this absolutely is how it should be, for if I have done my job properly very, very little will change. This marvelous workforce will go back to work and will continue to support the United States Air Force just as they have done for the past 60 years.

"Now when I stood before you almost three short years ago I promised that together we would redefine the word 'base closure.' Well, quite honestly it has been a lot harder than I ever could have imagined. But with all of your help I think we have come a long way toward that redefinition. Whether you realize it or not this base and the people here have been asked to do four separate and distinct things simultaneously. First, we have had to continue to support the Air Force mission, and it's my belief that we have done that beyond anyone's wildest expectation. By any measure your productivity, your efficiencies, and the quality of your products are among the highest in the Air Force Materiel Command. From the best security forces squadron in the United States Air Force, to the best supply depot operation in the command you folks just keep winning award after award after award. No commander in the Air Force could be prouder of his people than I am this morning.

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“Second, we were asked to plan for and start to close McClellan Air Force Base and the Sacramento Air Logistics Center. We’ve done that with professionalism and honor. The 940th Air Refueling Wing is now fully operational at Beale Air Force Base. The Headquarters Fourth Air Force has moved its flag from McClellan to March Air Force Base. We have finished the Air Force’s F, FB and EF-111 programs and are working with the Royal Australian Air Force to ensure their F-111s fly well into the next century. We’ve completed the first phase of our ground communications-electronics transfer of workload to the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Pennsylvania-- and in the process have taught the Army more than a few tricks. And we have put together what is probably the best base closure process and plan in the history of BRAC (*Base Realignment and Closure*).

“Third, we put in place a program designed to take care of all of our people. Since the base closure announcement in July of 1995 our civilian work force has declined from some 8500 people to our current strength of just below 6000. Of those 2500 people decrease, no one has been involuntarily separated. Most have decided to take advantage of the retirement program incentives that we offer. Quite a few are now working at other air logistic centers or have taken other Federal jobs through the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program. And many of you have found other employment through our job fairs, our placement centers, and Federal retraining grants administered by the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency. As we look to the future, over 700 of our civilians have accepted opportunities to transfer with their programs over the next two years. This is great, because it not only allows the Air Force to keep their invaluable expertise but also allows these people to keep their jobs.

“The only unanswered question remains who will be the winner of our public/private competition, which still leaves in doubt the final transition of some 3000 jobs. With the announcement of the winner currently scheduled for early September we will then have completed the task of telling all our civilian employees what’s going to happen to their jobs and when it is going to happen.

“I talked about my civilians. Let me now say a few words about the military members of the McClellan team. From my most senior colonel to the youngest airman on this base I’ve been privileged to serve with the most professional group of people anywhere in the Air Force. One of my biggest regrets in leaving this job is I will probably never again have the opportunity to work closely with our young enlisted force, many of whom you see standing on this flight line this morning. These men and women are the heart of the Air Force and I’ll miss you.

“The Fourth and perhaps most challenging task was to join with the greater Sacramento community to develop a viable reuse and redevelopment plan. From Congressman Fazio to Supervisor Dickensen and his fellow members of the County Board of Supervisors to the County Executive Bob Thomas and his outstanding professional staff led by Rob Leonard and Randall Yim to the Greater Metropolitan Sacramento Chamber of Commerce led by Rusty Hammer to the dozens of private citizens and business people who have given countless hours of their time--I can only say that at least in my opinion I think we made one hell of a team. We have worked closely together to accomplish many good things. Yet, their job is really just starting. BRAC history has shown us that typically it would take a redevelopment agency some ten years to even approach a high level of reuse on a closing military installation. But I think this great team will do it almost simultaneously with the official closure date of this base. These folks have worked extremely hard and the results of their labor will become apparent very soon. If all goes as planned the county will, before the end of this month, sign an economic development conveyance--a master lease--and begin almost immediately thereafter to announce a whole series of redevelopment actions, with jobs coming to McClellan. The United States military is only one instrument of our nation’s power. Another is the great economy of our nation. The military has done its job, which by and large is the reason that led to the closure of McClellan Air Force Base. Now its time for the Sacramento community and the State of California to start to do their job.

“Let me close by saying that Jean and I fully expected to end our military career right here in Sacramento, but the Air Force has offered us one final opportunity to do a job that I’ve always wanted to do and to be close to our family in the process. This will be the 17th time that the Tattini’s have loaded up the car, entrusted all of their worldly possessions to a long haul truck driver, and pressed on down the road. Each time as we drive out a main gate for the last time we look at each other take a quick look back--sometimes shedding tears of sadness, sometimes shedding tears of joy--and in every case turned our heads forward eagerly anticipating what the next assignment had in store for us. This time, though, it will be a lot harder to look forward, knowing that we leave behind so many great people and such a great community.

“General Babbitt, each time I conduct a change-of-command ceremony, I turn to the incoming commander and offer a word of advice. On this occasion we are extremely lucky to have a man like Mike Wiedemer; so, Michael here’s my advice to you. You’re taking over the greatest center in the command with the greatest assemblage of people in the Air Force and are privileged to work with an outstanding community. So, don’t screw it up. You never know when I’ll come back. “God bless each and every one of you. The best of luck to each and every one of you, and thank you for the best three years of our Air Force Career.”

Major General Tattini, with his wife Jean, left McClellan shortly after the ceremony and proceeded south to assume command of the Air Force’s Space and Missile Center at Los Angeles Air Force Station, California.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Secretary of the Air Force
Office of Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20330-1690

MAJOR GENERAL EUGENE L. TATTINI

Major General Eugene L. "Gene" Tattini is commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif. The center provides worldwide logistics support to a number of aircraft that include the F-117 Stealth fighter, F-22, F-111 series, A-10, F-15 and KC-135; and manages more than 200 communications systems and eight space systems. It also repairs, overhauls and modifies entire categories of complex avionics components, hydraulic and pneudraulic systems, and flight control systems. Additionally, the center manages \$3.2 billion annually, including a \$497 million payroll and \$1 billion in contract awards, and has 14,500 assigned personnel.

The general was born in Madison, Wis., and graduated from Hampton (Va.) High School in 1961. He was a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Illinois and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

General Tattini is married to the former Jene Fischer of New Athens, Ill. They have two daughters, Susann and Michelle.



EDUCATION:

1965 Bachelor of science degree in industrial management, University of Illinois
1971 Squadron Officer School
1977 Air Command and Staff College
1978 Master of business administration degree, Oklahoma City University
1979 Industrial College of the Armed Forces
1985 Air War College
1990 Cornell University's Executive Development Program
1995 Harvard University's Executive Development Program for Senior Managers in Government

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1965 - March 1968, executive officer, 58th Air Rescue Squadron, Wheelus Air Base, Libya
2. March 1968 - September 1969, missile combat crew deputy commander, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
3. September 1969 - January 1972, aide to the vice commander, Headquarters 15th Air Force, March Air Force Base, Calif.
4. January 1972 - October 1972, aide to the commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
5. October 1972 - October 1973, deputy chief, High Risk/High Cost B-52 Modification Program Office, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
6. October 1973 - August 1975, B-52 modification program manager, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
7. August 1975 - August 1976, director of logistics, 6171st Air Base Squadron, Kwang Ju Air Base, South Korea

8. August 1976 - June 1977, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. June 1977 - July 1981, deputy program manager for logistics, Space Defense System Program Office, Space Division, Los Angeles Air Force Station, Calif.
10. July 1981 - August 1984, acquisition logistics policy staff officer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. August 1984 - June 1985, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
12. June 1985 - September 1988, director of plans and programs, deputy chief of staff for product assurance and acquisition logistics, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
13. September 1988 - March 1989, director of acquisition logistics, deputy chief of staff for materiel management, Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
14. March 1989 - April 1991, assistant deputy chief of staff, plans and programs, Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
15. April 1991 - August 1991, vice commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command (Provisional), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
16. August 1991 - July 1992, vice commander, Headquarters Space Systems Division, Air Force Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
17. July 1992 - January 1995, vice commander, Headquarters Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
18. January 1995 - September 1995, director of plans, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
19. September 1995 - present, commander, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters
 National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Long
 Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
 Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Sep 20, 1965
First Lieutenant	Mar 20, 1967
Captain	Sep 20, 1968
Major	Jun 8, 1976
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr 26, 1980
Colonel	Sep 1, 1985
Brigadier General	Feb 1, 1992
Major General	May 25, 1995



EUGENE L. TATTINI
Major General, USAF



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Biography

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY G. THORNE, JR.

Ret - 1969

Major General Henry Garfield Thorne, Jr., is Vice Commander of the Continental Air Command (CAC) at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Continental Air Command manages the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Born in Waco, Tex., on Oct. 15, 1913 he was graduated from high school in Atlanta, Ga., in 1931. He began his military career in 1932 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private. In 1937 he graduated from aviation cadet training and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

At the outbreak of World War II he was serving as a pilot with the 3d Pursuit Squadron in the Philippine Islands and was evacuated to Australia soon after the fall of Bataan.

Upon his return to the United States in 1942 General Thorne attended the Army Command and General Staff School. He then successively served as Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Air Defense Wing; Chief of Staff of the Fourth Fighter Command, Oakland, Calif.; and Assistant Chief of Staff of the Fourth Air Force in San Francisco, Calif.

From May to October 1944 he commanded the 430th Army Air Force Base Unit, Ephrata Air Base, Wash., a replacement training unit for twin-engine fighter pilots. During the next year he commanded first the 508th Fighter Group, then the 414th Fighter Group, newly activated units which were trained in the United States. He went to Iwo Jima as Commander of the 414th, then served as Assistant Chief of Staff of the Seventh Fighter Command there and on Guam.

In July 1946 he became Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Fifth Air Force, Nagoya, Japan. In March 1947 General Thorne became Commander of both the 8th Fighter Group and Ashiya Army Air Base, Japan.

Returning to the United States in 1948 he attended the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., graduating the following summer. He was then assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at U.S. Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C., first serving as Deputy Chief, Personnel Procurement Division, and then Deputy, Plans and Programs, in the Directorate of Training.

In August 1952 General Thorne enrolled in the National War College, Washington, D.C., and graduated the following June. During the next three years he commanded the 1707th Air Transport Wing, Palm Beach International Airport, Fla.

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General Thorne became Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters Military Air Transport Service (MATs), Washington, D.C., in July 1956. One year later he assumed command of the Iceland Defense Force, Keflavik International Airport, Iceland. In August 1959 he became Commander of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In September 1961 he was assigned to Air Force Headquarters and served as Director of Personnel Planning until he became Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), Lindsey Air Station, Germany. In April 1965 he became Commander of Seventeenth Air Force, USAFE, with headquarters at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

General Thorne assumed command of Twelfth Air Force, Tactical Air Command, with headquarters in Waco, Tex., in July 1966 and became Vice Commander of the Continental Air Command (CAC) at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., in July 1967.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Soldier's Medal and the Air Medal.

General Thorne is married to the former Jean Clagett of New York City. They have three children: Mrs. Jean T. Littel, Margaret Ann and Henry G. III.

PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal Data

1. Born - Oct 15, 1913, Waco, Tex.; father - Henry G. Thorne (deceased); mother - Lula Halsey Thorne (deceased).

2. Married - Dec 1937; wife - Jean Clagett Thorne; children - Jean T. (Mrs. Littel), Margaret A. and Henry G. III.

B. Education

1. Graduate High School, Atlanta, Ga., 1931.

2. Graduate Primary and Advanced Flying Schools, Randolph and Kelly Flds., Tex., 1937.

3. Graduate Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., 1942.

4. Graduate Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., 1949.

5. Graduate National War College, Fort McNair, Wash., D.C., 1953.

C. Service

1. July 1932 - June 1933 Student West Point Preparatory School, and Private, E Company, 66th Inf. (Light Tanks), Fort Benning, Ga.

2. July 1933 - Sept 1933 Army Reserve.

3. Sept 1933 - Feb 1936 Aircraft Armorer, Pvt., 79th Sq., 20th Pursuit Gp., Barksdale Fld., La.

4. Feb 1936 - Feb 1937 Student, Flying Schools, Randolph and Kelly Flds., Tex.

5. Feb 1937 - May 1940 Pilot, Flt. Comdr., Sq. Armament Off., 17th Pursuit Sq., 1st Pursuit Gp., Selfridge Fld., Mich.

6. May 1940 - Apr 1942 Supply Off., Philippine Air Depot, and Pilot, 3d Pursuit Sq., Philippine Islands.

7. June 1942 - Aug 1942 Patient, 4th General Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, and Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

8. Aug 1942 - Dec 1943 Ops. Off. and Exec. Off. of Air Defense Wg., Los Angeles, Calif. (Student on TDY, Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.).

9. Dec 1943 - Mar 1944 Chief of Staff, IV Fighter Command, Oakland, Calif.

10. Mar 1944 - May 1944 Asst. Chief of Staff, 4th Air Force, San Francisco, Calif.

11. May 1944 - Oct 1944 Comdr., Ephrata AAB, Ephrata, Wash.

12. Oct 1944 - Oct 1945 Comdr., 508th and 414th Fighter Gp., Activation and Training in U.S. and Iwo Jima.

13. Oct 1945 - May 1946 Asst. Chief of Staff, A-3, VII Fighter Command, Guam.

14. May 1946 - July 1946 Comdr., 475th Fighter Gp., Seoul, Korea.

15. July 1946 - Mar 1947 Dep. Chief of Staff Ops., 5th Air Force, Hq., Nagoya, Japan.

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16. Mar 1947 - June 1948 Comdr., 8th Fighter Gp. and Ashiya AAB, Japan.
17. June 1948 - July 1949 Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
18. July 1949 - Aug 1951 Dep. Chief, Personnel Procurement Div., DCS/Pers., Hq. U.S. Air Force, Wash., D.C.
19. Aug 1951 - Aug 1952 Dep. for Plans and Programs, DCS/Pers., Hq. U.S. Air Force, Wash., D.C.
20. Aug 1952 - July 1953 Student, National War College, Wash., D.C.
21. July 1953 - July 1956 Comdr., 1707th Air Transport Wg., Palm Beach International Airport, Fla.
22. July 1956 - Aug 1957 Dep. Chief of Staff for Pers., MATS, Andrews AFB, Md.
23. Aug 1957 - Aug 1959 Comdr., Iceland Defense Force, Keflavik International Airport, Iceland.
24. Aug 1959 - Sept 1961 Comdr., Recruiting Service, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
25. Sept 1961 - Aug 1963 Dir. of Pers. Planning, DCS/Pers., Hq. U.S. Air Force, Wash., D.C.
26. Aug 1963 - Apr 1965 DCS/Ops., Hq. USAFE, Lindsey AS, Germany.
27. Apr 1965 - July 1966 Comdr., 17th Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany.
28. July 1966 - July 1967 Comdr., 12th Air Force, Waco, Tex.
29. July 1967 - Present Vice Comdr, Continental Air Command, Robins AFB, Ga.

D. Decorations and Service Awards

Legion of Merit	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross	w/3 service stars
w/1 oak leaf cluster	World War II Victory Medal
Soldier's Medal	Army of Occupation Medal (Japan)
Air Medal	National Defense Service Medal
Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon	w/1 service star
w/2 oak leaf clusters	Air Force Longevity Service Award
American Defense Service Medal	Ribbon w/7 oak leaf clusters
American Campaign Medal	Philippine Defense Service Ribbon

E. Effective Dates of Promotions

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2d Lt	June 20, 1937	June 20, 1937
1st Lt	Oct 3, 1940	Oct 1, 1941
Capt	Jan 27, 1942	
Maj	Mar 1, 1942	
Lt Col	Jan 15, 1943	July 2, 1948
Col	Mar 1, 1944	July 23, 1952
Brig Gen	Aug 5, 1957	Mar 7, 1961
Maj Gen	Jan 30, 1962	Feb 27, 1964

(Date of Rank, Aug 7, 1957)

Retirement

Aug 1, 1967



Major General
Henry H. Thorne, Jr.

United States Air Force

Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20330

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARION F. TIDWELL

Brigadier General Marion F. (Frank) Tidwell is vice commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

General Tidwell was born June 15, 1932, in Alexander, Texas. He graduated from Valley High School, Menlo, Wash., in 1950 and attended Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Wash., until 1953. In 1964 he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Pacific Lutheran University under the Air Force Bootstrap program. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.; and Naval War College at Newport, R.I.



General Tidwell entered the Air Force in January 1954. He earned his commission and navigator wings as a distinguished graduate of the aviation cadet program at Harlingen Air Force Base, Texas, in February 1955. He attended Aircraft Performance Officer School at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., graduating in October 1955.

His first operational assignment was with the Strategic Air Command in the 31st Bombardment Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., as a performance engineer in B-36s. He graduated from pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., in June 1959. Following graduation he flew KC-97s at Westover Air Force Base, Mass. He was assigned to the 319th Bombardment Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., from 1960 to 1966 as a co-pilot and instructor pilot flying KC-135s.

In September 1966 General Tidwell was assigned to the 320th Bombardment Wing at Mather Air Force Base as a standardization evaluator and instructor pilot. In July 1969 he transferred to Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, where he received transition training to fly RF-4C's and flew with the 22nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron until September 1970. He was then assigned to the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, as a pilot and operations officer. During this assignment he flew more than 100 combat missions over Laos, Cambodia, North Vietnam and the Republic of Vietnam.

From September 1971 until July 1974, he was again assigned to the 320th Bombardment Wing at Mather Air Force Base and served consecutively as emergency war order plans officer, director of operations and training, and assistant deputy commander for maintenance. During this tour of duty he qualified as a B-52 aircraft commander.

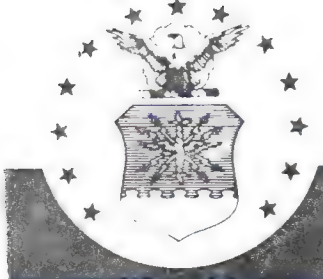
After completing the Senior Officers Course at the Naval War College in July 1975 as a distinguished graduate, he was assigned as chief, Logistics Division, Office of the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. In July 1977 he was assigned to Loring Air Force Base, Maine, as vice commander of the 42nd Bombardment Wing. He assumed command of that wing in August 1978 and occupied that position until June 1979 when he was

transferred to K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich., as commander of the 410th Bombardment Wing. He assumed his present duties in May 1980.

General Tidwell is a command pilot with more than 6,500 flying hours and also holds a navigator aeronautical rating. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal.

He was promoted to brigadier general Aug. 1, 1980, with date of rank July 29, 1980.

General Tidwell is married to the former Marlys Larsen of Tacoma, Wash. They have three children: Sandra, Douglas and Nancy.



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LOGISTICS CENTER VICE COMMANDER ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Brig. Gen. Frank Tidwell, vice commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center McClellan AFB, is being reassigned as the deputy director of the National Military Command Center, Washington D.C. He will report for his new assignment by May 15.

General Tidwell will be replaced by Brig. Gen. (selectee) Lee V. Greer, director of maintenance, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins AFB, GA.

General Tidwell, a 28-year Air Force veteran, was assigned to the ALC in May 1980, coming to McClellan from K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich. where he was commander of the 410th Bombardment Wing.

Colonel Greer is a Valdosta, GA native and a 1957 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was selected for promotion to brigadier general in December 1981.

Colonel Greer, who flew 315 combat missions in Vietnam, holds a Masters Degree in computer science from Texas A & M University.



Maj Gen Marion F. Tidwell

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BRIGADIER GENERAL EVERETT LEE TRUE

Brigadier General Everett L. True is Vice Commander, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan Air Force Base, California.

General True was born in Craig, Missouri, on July 6, 1928. He graduated from Fairfax High School, Fairfax, Missouri in 1945. After attending Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri, for a year, General True received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, graduating with the class of 1950. He entered flying training at James Connally Air Force Base, Texas, in August 1950 and received his pilot wings at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona in August 1951. He attended the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he received his Masters Degree in 1959.

His first assignment after flying training was as a fighter pilot in the 41st Fighter Intercept Squadron, Johnson Air Base, Japan, until November 1954. During July and August 1952 he saw duty in Korea with the 8th Fighter Bomb Wing. From December 1954 until April 1958, he was assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, initially as a student, followed by instructor duty in the 3627th Combat Crew Training Squadron and the Interceptor Weapons School.

Upon graduation from the Air Force Institute of Technology in September 1959, General True was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as Chief, Source Selection Secretariat, Aeronautical Systems Division, and later as R&D Staff Officer, in the GAM-87 System Program Office. In October 1963, he was assigned to the Pentagon as System Project Officer in the F-RF4 Project Office, followed by duty as F-111B/RF-111 System Officer in the F-111 Office, Directorate of Production, Deputy Chief of Staff (Systems and Logistics), Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C.

From October 1967 to June 1969, he served as Pilot, Flight Commander, Assistant Director, and then Director, Tactical Operations, 463d Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW), Clark Air Base, Philippines. During this period, General True participated in frequent combat resupply missions in Vietnam.

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In June 1969, General True assumed the position of Director of Programs, 13th Air Force, Clark Air Base, Philippines. In July 1971, he joined the Joint Staff in the Far East Division, J-5 Directorate. From June 1973 until August 1975, General True was assigned to the Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C. as the Air Force Member of the Chairman's Staff Group. On August 1, 1975 General True was assigned to Sacramento Air Logistics Center as the Vice Commander.

His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters.

General True is married to the former Janet A. West of Tucson, Arizona. They have six children.

He was promoted to the grade of brigadier general effective August 1, 1975, with date of rank August 1, 1975.

*Jan 1978 Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans
HQ Air Training Command, Randolph AFB Texas*

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GENERAL NATHAN FARRAGUT TWINING, USAF

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Nathan F. Twining was born at Monroe, Wisconsin, October 11, 1897. He was called to active duty with the Oregon National Guard in June, 1916, and served as a corporal on border patrol duty until September, 1916. He again was mustered into Federal Service in March, 1917, as a sergeant and assigned to an Infantry company of the Oregon National Guard, with which he served for two months.

In June, 1917, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and in November, 1918, was graduated from the Academy and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry. After receiving his commission, he remained at the Academy for duty until June, 1919.

A month later he joined the American Forces in Germany for a tour of observation of Belgian, French, and Italian battlefronts.

He returned to the United States in September, 1919, to enter the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon his graduation in June, 1920, he was assigned to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. In February, 1921, he was appointed Aide to Brigadier General B. A. Poore and served with him at Camp Travis, Texas; Fort Logan, Colorado, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He entered the primary flying school at Brooks Field, Texas, in 1923, and after completing the course in March, 1924, entered the advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Texas. He was graduated from the school and rated a pilot in September, 1924, and returned to Brooks Field, Texas, as a flying instructor. He was transferred to the Air Service on November 16, 1926.

He became an instructor at March Field, California, in September, 1927, and in February, 1930, joined the 18th Pursuit Group at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Returning to the United States in July, 1932, he was assigned to the Third Attack Group at Fort Crockett, Texas. He was transferred to the 90th Attack Squadron at Fort Crockett in August, 1932, and a month later was assigned to the 60th Service Squadron at that station.

In February, 1934, he became engineering officer for the Central Zone at Chicago, Illinois, and the following June returned to Fort Crockett to become adjutant of the Third Attack Group. In March, 1935, he was named assistant operations officer of the Third Wing, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

He entered the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, in August, 1935, and upon graduating a year later entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his graduation in June, 1937, he became Air Corps technical supervisor at the San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, Texas.

He was named assistant chief of the Inspection Division in the Office of the Chief of Air Corps at Washington, D.C., in August, 1940, and three months later became chief of the Technical Inspection Section of that office. In December, 1941, he was transferred to the Operations Division of the Army Air Forces in Washington, D.C., and in February 1942, was appointed assistant executive in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the AAF at Washington, D.C. He became Director of War Organization and Movements in that office the following May.

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He went overseas in July, 1942, as Chief of Staff of the Army Forces in the South Pacific, and the following January became commanding general of the 13th Air Force in that theater.

On July 25, 1943, he was assigned by order of Admiral W. F. Halsey as Commander Aircraft Solomon Islands, and placed in tactical control of all Army, Navy, Marine and Allied air forces in the South Pacific area. While serving in this capacity, he directed the air movement prior to and during the occupations of Treasury Islands and Bougainville Island.

In November, 1943, he assumed command of the 15th Air Force in Italy, and the following January became commander of the Mediterranean Allied Strategic Air Forces, in addition to his duties as commander of the 15th Air Force.

He returned to the United States in July, 1945, and a month later assumed command of the 20th Air Force in the South Pacific theater.

In October, 1945, he was assigned to Continental Air Forces headquarters at Bolling Field, D. C., and two months later became commanding general of Air Materiel Command, with headquarters at Wright Field, Ohio.

On October 1, 1947, he was named commanding general of the Alaskan Department and on the 21st of that month became Commander-in-Chief of the Alaskan Command, with headquarters at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

General Twining returned to the United States in May, 1950, to become Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was appointed Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, with the temporary rank of general, on October 10, 1950.

General Twining has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He is rated a Command Pilot, Combat Observer, and Aircraft Observer.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant on January 1, 1920, and reverted to the rank of second lieutenant on December 15, 1922. He was promoted to first lieutenant (permanent) on November 20, 1923; to captain (temporary) on April 20, 1935; to captain (permanent) on August 1, 1935; to major (temporary) on September 1, 1938; to major (permanent) on July 1, 1940; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) on July 15, 1941; to colonel (temporary) on February 1, 1942; to brigadier general (temporary) on June 17, 1942; to lieutenant colonel (permanent) on December 11, 1942; to major general (temporary) on February 5, 1943; to lieutenant general (temporary) on June 5, 1945; to brigadier general (permanent) on July 18, 1946; to major general (permanent) on February 19, 1948, with date of rank from December 9, 1942; to general (temporary) on October 10, 1950.

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